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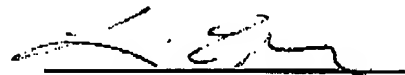
Remarks

The present response amends claims 27-28 to be in independent form, cancels claims 22-26 and 30 without prejudice and requests reconsideration of the claims which are the subject of an objection.

These amendments are made in accordance with 37 CFR 1.116, because they merely amend claims 27-28 as a matter of form and cancel claims 22-26 and 30.

Claims 11-21 are allowed and claims 27-29 are allowable, now that claims 27-28 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form; claim 29 depends from allowable claim 28. The remaining claims have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, all presently pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is anticipated.

Respectfully submitted,



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